

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
DISTRICT I**

January 7, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Council Member Brewer
Treatha Brown Foster
Kenneth Hemmen
Lori Lawrence
Debby Moore
Sharon Myers*
Celina Porter Robinson
Marcia Traylor
Lois Tully-Gerber
Carrie Jones Williams
Ken Woodard

Members Absent

David Franks*
Steve Roberts*
James Thompson
Willard Walker

Guest List

James Lawrence, 251 N Erie
William Foster, 2211 N Kansas

Staff Present

Matt Jordan, City Manager's Office
Steve Lackey, Director, Public Works Department
Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation Department
Jay Newton, Senior Budget Analyst
David Warren, Director Water and Sewer Department
Officer Michael Rhodes, Wichita Police Department
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve December 2001 DAB I minutes, **Lawrence (Tully-Gerber)**, motion carried (8-0).

Approval of Agenda

Brown (Woodard) made a motion to accept the agenda, adding the Simply Neighbors presentation to the Public Agenda. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items - No items submitted

2. Off-agenda items

- 2a. Laurie Miller**, a representative for Simply Neighbors, made a presentation about the free website service. Simply Neighbors is an internet tool to keep up-to-date on neighborhood news, issues and meetings. The Simply Neighbors website allows the user the opportunity to chat with others and advertise goods and services within a specified Neighborhood. Simply Neighbors also provides information on various Wichita neighborhoods for people looking for a home or an apartment. Handouts were also provided.

Public Works - No items submitted

Staff Reports

3. CIP Updates

Matt Jordan and other City staff provided updates to the proposed Capital Improvement Program for 2002-2011. **Jordan** provided an overview of the process and allocations.

- Process Steps
 - Step 1: Staff reviews anticipated revenue capacity. Submits updated and new project requests.
 - Step 2: Art and Design Council provides input to staff regarding suggestions for aesthetic improvements to projects.
 - Step 3: Public Workshops held to gain citizen feedback.
 - Step 4: CIP Committee develops proposed 10-year program for City Manager review.
 - Step 5: City Council Workshop.
 - Step 6: MAPC and DABs review proposal.
 - Step 7: City Council review and approval
- Program Highlights
 - 10-year program \$1,660,000,000
 - Property Tax \$276,000 (17% of total)
 - Local Sales Tax \$252,000 (15% of total)
 - State/Fed Funds \$298,000 (18% of total)
 - Fees, Other \$834,000,000
 - -(Water/Sewer/Storm Water Fees, Other Funds)

Staff Reports (continued)

- Category Summaries
 - Bridges
 - \$48 million to replace or rebuild 24 structures
 - \$6.4 million planned for partial structure rehab or repair
 - Floodway Bridge discussions ongoing
 - Attract Federal funding in the amount of \$16 million
 - Core Area
 - \$30 million in total spending; Construct River Corridor improvements a key tourism development initiative
 - \$48 million proposal increases spending by \$18 million over the ten-year period; 39 park and facility improvements
 - Place strong emphasis on maintenance of existing facilities
 - Public Buildings
 - \$67 million to replace or upgrade City facilities
 - \$12 million Fire Station plan
 - \$51 million to improve drainage flow
 - Major focus on drainage West and South
 - \$282 million to construct Kellogg freeway interchanges in East and West Wichita
 - Purchase right of way for NW Bypass and future Kellogg expansion west of 119th Street
 - Transit
 - \$23 million in Federal and State funds to replace trolleys and buses
 - Airport
 - \$215 million proposed for Mid-Continent and Jabara
 - Mid-Continent Terminal improvements
 - \$255 million to implement water supply plan and maintain existing system
 - Sewer
 - \$173 million for maintenance and expansion
 - Install state-of-the art waste treatment systems to protect environment

District I Highlights (2002-2003)

- Hillside, 17th to 20th
- Harry, I-135 to Geo. Washington Blvd
- Drainage Canal bridges rehab
- Grove Park

DAB members had questions which included 1) Why are some street projects brought to the DAB that are not scheduled for years out (i.e.: 13th Street) and other projects that will be completed within the next year (i.e.: Harry Street)? ; 2) Does drainage fall into the CIP?; and 3) When will Grove Park development start?

Staff Reports (continued)

The appropriate Department Directors answered the questions: 1) **Lackey** stated that the 13th Street project was currently in a “Discovery Phase”, and that City Staff was trying to get a handle on the scope of the project and wanted public input on the project. ; 2) **Lackey** also stated that drainage matters would be funded from the Water and Sewer Budget. ; 3) **Kupper** stated that the Grove Park currently had contractors bidding on the project and that development would begin this year and should be completed by early 2003. **Kupper** also stated the Park Department would be meeting with the DAB and the Friends of Grove Park to see how the money would be spent in Grove Park.

Unfinished Business – No items submitted

Planning Cases - No items submitted

New Business - No items submitted

Board Agenda – No items submitted

General Comments/Announcements

- **Officer Michael Rhodes**
 - New to 23 beat, Patrol South
 - Hot issues currently working on include:
 - Graffiti
 - Parties
- **Debby Moore**
 - Researched Worker’s Compensation Laws
 - Worker’s Comp available to everyone, even if company does not pay for Worker’s Comp
 - 800 number available to file a Worker’s Compensation claim
 - Moore will get 800 number to Neighborhood Assistant to distribute

General Comments/Announcements (continued)

- **Lois Tully-Gerber**
 - City/County Recycling efforts
 - Plastic Hood is open for recycling
 - Would like to let citizens know they can take recyclable plastics there
- **Council Member Brewer**
 - Neighborhood Associations/Home Owner's Associations monthly meeting at Spear's Restaurant, at 17th and Woodlawn-January 5, 2002
 - 30-40 attendees
 - Guest Speaker, OCI Inspector, Terrell Florence
 - Main issue brought up by residents – Junk/Abandon Cars
 - Next meeting February 2, 2002 – Guest Speaker, City Manager, Chris Cherches, Police Chief Norman Williams, Deputy Chief Steven Cole and Deputy Chief Terri Moses

Being no further business, **Jones (Gerber)** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew
Neighborhood Assistant,
Council District I